



# 2013 California Tribal Water Summit Highlights

# TWS 2013 Planning and Objectives

- Tribal Water Summit 2013 was **designed as a Summit** (a meeting of heads of government and decision makers) not a conference
  - Mirroring Government to Government discussions  
Summit Definition – meeting of Heads of Government
- Invitation Only Event -Tribal leaders and State Leaders and/or their designated representatives were invited to attend

# TWS 2013 Planning and Objectives

- Objective for 2013 was to develop three goals ~~for 2013~~ that were:
  - Consistent and building on the TWS 2009 Recommendations (there were 70!)
  - Priority Tribal Water Issues
  - State-wide Tribal concerns (There are varying issues, concerns, problems, solutions and needs that vary from Tribe to Tribe)
  - Big Picture items for Decision Makers

# TWS 2013 Planning and Objectives

- Guiding Principles and Statement of Goals – Starting point of our Summit representing the state and federal policies and current situation on working effectively with Tribes. Identified Goals and Themes of the Summit:
  - **Tribal Ecological Knowledge**
  - **Watershed Management and Land Use**
  - **Indigenous Rights to Water**

# Who Attended?

- Total in attendance was 196
- 91 California Native American Tribes
  - 10 Tribal Chairpersons
- 67 State agency representatives
  - 4 State agency directors
- 14 Federal agencies
- 24 Other

**First invitational meeting of state and tribal government leaders!**

# TWS 2013 Agenda

- 1.5 days of Information Sessions focusing on the “Goals” from Tribal Perspectives:
  - Traditional Ecological Knowledge
  - Watershed Management and Land Use
  - Indigenous Rights to Water
- 0.5 Day Tribal, State, Federal Working Session
- **Full Agenda and video available at:**  
<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tws/2013/index.cfm>

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## California Water Plan

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The California Tribal Water Summit Design Team, in partnership with California Department of Water Resources, convened the second statewide California Tribal Water Summit on **April 24-25, 2013 at the Red Lion Hotel Woodlake Conference in Sacramento**. The theme of the summit is "California Indigenous Rights, Uses and Management of Water and Land: Leveraging the strengths and resources of Tribal, State and Federal agencies through collaboration." The summit showcased three topics: tribal ecological knowledge; indigenous rights to water; and water management and land use with featured keynote speakers including the Governor's Tribal Adviser, Cynthia Gomez.

[Guiding Principles and Statement of Goals for Implementation \(.pdf\)](#)**DAY 1**

Video recording Day 1:

<http://cawwater.rmxpres.com/webcast/data/dwr04242013/main.htm>

Time	ITEM	Presenters
8:45 am	Registration	Agenda (.pdf) Program (.pdf)
9:00	Opening Prayer	
9:15	Welcome and Introductions	John Laird, Secretary, Natural Resources Agency
	Guiding Principles and Statement of Goals for Implementation (.pdf)	Dale Hoffman-Floerke, Director, Department of Water


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**Tribal Reference Links**

- [Update 2013 Tribal Advisory Committee \(AC\)](#)
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- [Update 2009 Tribal Communication](#)

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# TWS 2013 Agenda

- **Tribal, State, Federal Working Session**
  - All participants and particularly Tribal, Federal and State leaders sat down and took the discussions and lessons learned from the Summit sessions and identified primary objectives to implement the goals expressed, and developed a framework to achieve next steps.
  - Outcome was the TWS 2013 Implementation Plan Goals and Related Actions





# Beneficial Uses –

## North Coast Regional Water Board

- **Native American Culture (CUL)** – Uses of water that support the cultural and/or traditional rights of indigenous people such as subsistence fishing and shellfish gathering, basket weaving and jewelry material collection, navigation to traditional ceremonial locations, and ceremonial uses.
- **Subsistence Fishing (FISH)** – Uses of water that support subsistence fishing.

# TWS Achievements

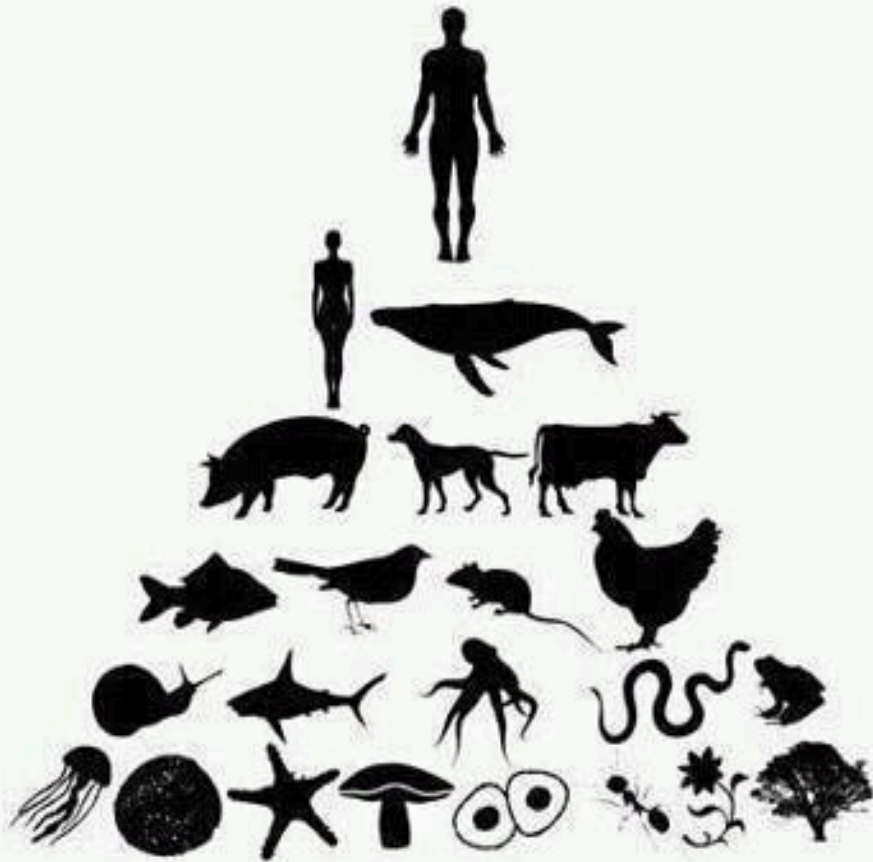
- Presentations offered valuable education on water issues facing California Native American Tribes
- Demonstrated many of the differing perspectives of how these issues/themes occur and are address statewide by California Native American
- Multiple Tribal Perspectives shared consisting of tribal: staff, academics, advocates, cultural and tribal government officials statewide

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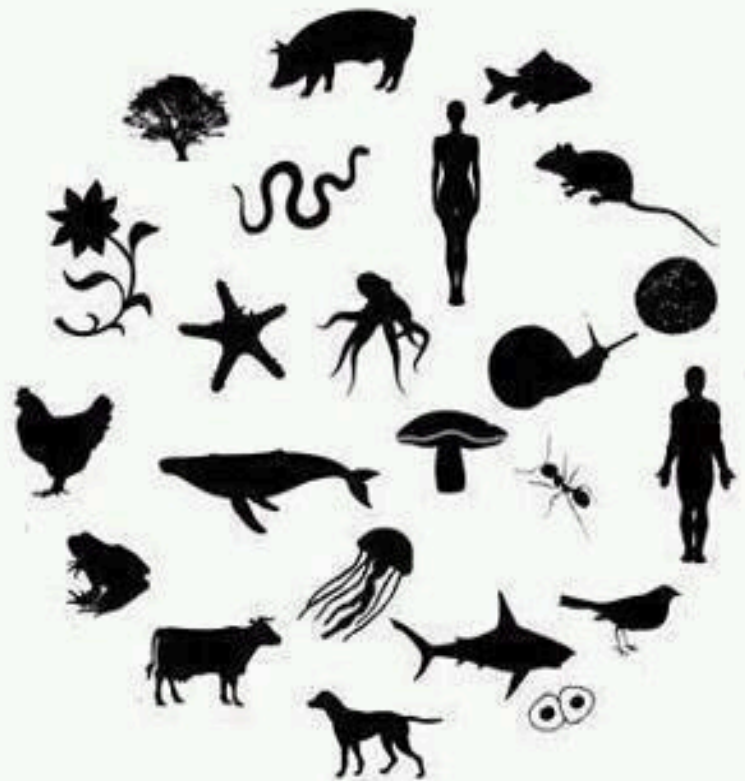
- Demonstrated how incorporation of TEK is difficult, where it works and where there is still work needed
- Discussed a fuller spectrum of what is meant by Indigenous rights to water, it is not solely a discussion of paper water rights it is the cultural, subsistence, governance elements which are affected by water and rights to water
- Discussed how tribal coordination, communication, and engagement enriches watershed management and how this is essential to meeting the goals and principles of Government to Government communication



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# TWS Achievements

- Importance of Water Issues for California Native American Tribes
- Value of more Government to Government Discussions
- Commitment of Tribal Leaders to attend this and similar meetings or to send designated Representatives

# TWS Work Plan

- Meeting with Leaders
- Primary take Away:
  - Need for greater curriculum and education on both fronts (Cultural Difference awareness, Tribal Sovereignty) Nuts and Bolts curriculum: Indigenous Water Rights, existing legal processes, existing obligations for G to G)
  - Need for understanding existing resources and sharing resources. i.e. Developing a Strategic Framework for working with State, federal and Tribal
  - Move toward effective Co-management



# Implementing the Work Plan

- Need for State and Tribal Leader Attendance and more opportunities to discuss these issues
- Coordinated work on Beneficial Use Standards, Water Rights Training, IRWM Guidelines,
- Actions and Related Actions handout

# Wrap up

- How do we move forward?
  - TWS participants developed the next steps on these Goals
  - Everyone needs to step up and work through the identified tasks
  - Greater understanding of what Government to Government communication means
  - We need an understanding of the differences and commonalities between Tribal, State, and federal processes and goals